

Ethiopia claims capture of Jijiga

NAIROBI, March 6 (R).—Ethiopians and Somalis today both claimed victory in the first major battle of Ethiopia's counter-offensive in the Ogaden war. Ethiopia's ambassador to Kenya said his country's troops were pressing forward victoriously after capturing the town of Jijiga. But in Mogadishu, the daily bulletin of the Western Somalia Liberation Front said a Cuban and Russian force flown in by huge Soviet helicopters to attack the town of Jijiga, had been annihilated. A Polish news agency correspondent in Addis Ababa reported today that Ethiopian troops had reached the Somali border at one point and had also pushed Somali forces off the highway between Addis Ababa and Djibouti and recaptured the town of Jijiga.

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King Hussein, President Kirchschläger begin talks on political, trade ties

MAN, March 6 (Agencies) — Visiting Austrian President Dr. Kirchschläger began yesterday with his Majesty King Hussein aimed at strengthening political, economic and trade relations between the two nations.

Officials here said the Middle East conflict figures high on the agenda, as well as the conclusion of economic, trade cultural pacts.

King Hussein emphasised in talks that Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and self-determination of Palestinians must remain basic for a Middle East settlement.

Official sources said the two would also discuss Austrian technical assistance in Jordan's Five-Year Development Plan.

Before the two leaders met at the Royal Basman Palace, Dr. Kirchschläger began a second day of his state visit by receiving the golden key of Amman from Mayor Ma'n Nuwar.

President Kirchschläger then renewed the tradition of pouring

ing a cup of water at the root of the olive tree planted at the Martyrs' Monument.

Her Highness Princess Basma today accompanied Mrs. Kirchschläger on a visit to the Queen Alia Fund, the National Museum and the Haya Arts Centre.

At noon, Prime Minister Mudar Badran gave a luncheon in honour of the Austrian guests.

In the afternoon, President Kirchschläger, his wife and the accompanying delegation visited the tomb of the late Queen Alia.

In the evening His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarwan gave a dinner party at their house in honour of the Austrian guests.

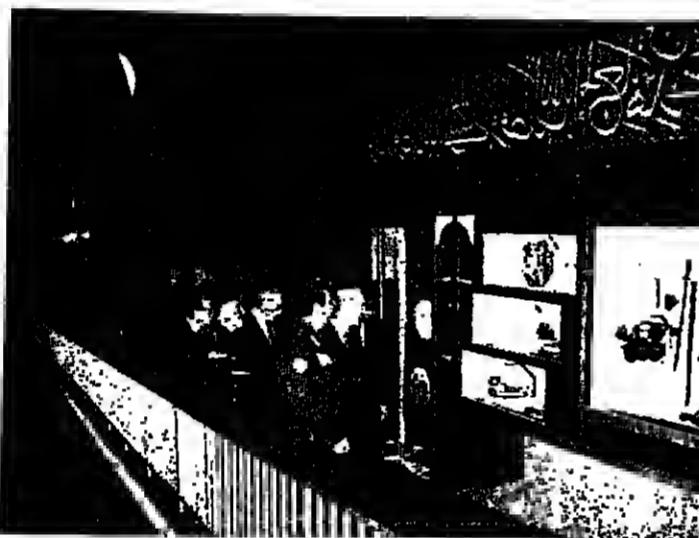
Thousands cheered President and Mrs. Kirchschläger at the start of their four-day visit here Sunday.

The King honoured President and Mrs. Kirchschläger at a banquet at the Royal Basman Palace Sunday, and conferred Jordan's highest decorations on them.

The Austrian guests will fly back to Vienna Wednesday.



His Majesty King Hussein looks on as Prime Minister Mudar Badran welcomes President Kirchschläger at the luncheon party he gave in the Austrian president's honour Monday. (JNA photo)



Flanked by Commander-in-Chief Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeld ibn Shaker (right) and Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharif, President Kirchschläger visits the military museum at the Martyrs' Monument. (JNA photo)

President Kirchschläger watered the Tree of Life as Commander-in-Chief Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeld ibn Shaker looks on during his visit to the Martyrs' Monument Monday. (JNA photo)

Gush Emunim seeks showdown with Weizman over two West Bank settlements

ALLAH, occupied West Bank, March 6 (Agencies). — A military spokesman refused to comment on the story. A military spokesman refused to talk about the situation at Beit El.

Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zispori banned journalists from entering the Beit El camp.

Mr. Zvi Shiloni, a spokesman for the Gush Emunim movement, told reporters yesterday all building has been halted in Nabi Saleh, 18 miles northwest of Jerusalem, and at Beit El, 12 miles north of Jerusalem under the order of Mr. Weizman. He said both sites had been approved for settlement by Prime Minister Menachem Begin's rightwing coalition government.

Mr. Dan Weinreich, a Defence Ministry spokesman, yesterday denied Mr. Weizman had ordered construction stopped. Mr. Weinreich said settlers at Beit El, which is part of a military camp, had put up buildings in an area used by the army as a firing range. He said the ministry offered them an alternative area on the site and "the problem should be cleared up in a matter of days."

A controversy over Jewish settlement on Arab land has reached a new peak, before President Carter will have a meeting with Mr. Weizman, Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Minister Moshe Dayan. Begin's office declined

comment on the story. A military spokesman refused to talk about the situation at Beit El.

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AMMAN, March 6 (JNA) — The Arab Economic Council will be called, as from today, the Arab Economic and Social Council, after the amendment of article 8 of the Joint Defence Treaty and Economic Cooperation between member states of the Arab League.

The council will follow up as from today the implementation of Arab economic plans which are carried out by specialised Arab organisations within the framework of the Arab League.

The Council will also be a central body supervising these organisations and co-ordinating their activities. It also takes part in preparing their economic schemes.

Who will save America from Rabbi Schindler?

Rabbi Alexander Schindler is a particularly foul human being, representing, as he does, that special lack of both historical accuracy and ethical depth, characteristics that would place him normally in a House of Strange Breeds and Weird Things, were it not for the fact that he is the head of the United States President's Council of Major Jewish Organisations, which thereby gives him the right to stand up and say lies and other very nasty things in public, which in turn causes us to stand up and ask him to either sit down or shut up, preferably both.

In his latest outburst, Rabbi Schindler this week said, "The problem is, shall America's promises be sold on the bargaining table for oil and gold?" His insinuation was that the Americans are selling out for Arab oil and money, and he charged that "declining American support for Israel is a result of American dependence on Arab oil. Really, Rabbi Schindler? Really?

And who are the leaders of this great America whose promises have been sold for oil and gold? Is this the same America whose moral inventory has been robbed blind for the past 30 years by the state of Israel and the indiscriminate terror of Zionism's character assassination machinery? An America whose leaders cannot act in the national interest of their 220 million citizens without first getting clearance from a handful of frenzied senators who answer more to the political dictates of trigger-happy Israelis than to their own constituencies in the United States?

Is America selling out for oil? Or is there a submerged streak of humanity in the heart of the United States that hears the cry to be free of Arab children in Jerusalem and Ramallah and Nazareth, that sees a wrong in Jewish people building settlements in occupied Arab lands, that recognises the historical propriety of a Palestinian national sentiment and that seeks to help bring peace to the Middle East by recognising the legitimate rights of both the people of Israel and the people of Palestine?

Is Rabbi Schindler angry because the Americans are selling out for oil, or because they are finally becoming tired of selling out to the fears of Zionism and the oppressive blackmail of Israel?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI said Monday the methods which Egyptian President Anwar Sadat initiated in dealing with the Middle East issue, without consulting anybody, have regrettably, not led to moving Israel one single inch from its obdurate stand, if not made this stand more obstinate and consistent.

The equation of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the newspaper adds, is simple and clear: Israel from the beginning, has chosen a diplomacy of strength and expansion, while the Arab side has opted for a diplomacy of peace, neglecting to exercise its right to search for power in support of its national requirements. "By this equation, the Arabs are the losing party. As to Israel which has won everything by resorting to arrogance of might, it is still hoping to use this arrogance, even against the country which we hope would press on Israel," Al Rai says.

The newspaper doesn't expect much from the impending Carter-Begin meeting in Washington, "because this is going to be not dissimilar to previous meetings that had resulted in more pressure upon us and more intransigence in the Israeli position."

The newspaper asks: " Didn't we say that Israel has been established, and is going to carry on at the expense of the weakness and division of the Arabs?"

AL DUSTOUR devotes its editorial to Austria, past and present, on the occasion of the current visit to Jordan of the Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschläger. Austria, the newspaper says, is the gate of Europe and the bridge that links Europe with the Orient. Its geographical position has embroiled it in so many troubles and wars which made it adopt a neutral policy — a policy which earned this nation the respect of all countries of the globe.

Al Dustour goes on to say that there is a common factor between Jordan and Austria — two small countries, with their industrious and ambitious peoples trying to rely on themselves, exploit their resources intelligently for their own, and their regions, prosperity and stability, and to establish, with all the world countries, relations of respect and cooperation.

Jordan and Austria also love peace; "and Austria shares with us the opinion that peace should be just and honourable."

Thus the visit of the Austrian President is welcomed by the Jordanians "because it is an encouraging sign to the manner decided by the leaders of the two countries to promote their mutual relations for the common benefit of their peoples together."

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New role for Arab Leading Chinese artist brings new eyes to bear on picturing Jordan

The renowned Chinese artist, Liang Dan-fong, whose exhibition is on display at the University of Jordan Alumni Club now, spoke to FAWZIA MAL about her experiences of painting in Jordan:

Prof. Liang's present visit stems from an invitation extended in December 1977, from Mr. Michel Hamarnesh, the Director General of Tourism. She was asked to come to Jordan to draw and paint scenes of Jordan for the Ministry of Tourism. The original invitation for a stay of one week was extended after her arrival to two weeks, "or more, or as long as you wish."

Prof. Liang first visited Jordan in August 1977, when she was on a world tour, passing through Turkey, she decided to drop in on Jordan and visit a friend at the Ministry of Tourism. She spent eight days visiting different sites, Jerash, Petra and produced piles of sketches and water-colours of her impressions.

Her friends at the Ministry of Tourism were struck by the beauty, depth and simplicity of the artistic work; and also, they reckon, by the speed with which they were produced "even faster than photographs take to be developed." In addition, paintings can gather striking features into a balanced and beautiful composition, as well as bringing out the spirit and meaning of the place. Until now, all touristic posters and pictures of Jordan are photographs. It was then that the idea of having Liang Dan-fong paint Jordan hatched.

But Ms. Liang could not agree to start at once. She still had to go home and exhibit the paintings of her world tour. Jordan's scenes were also included in the large exhibition which drew crowds of admirers and the praise of art critics.

Last Feb. 20, she arrived in Amman for her second visit. Work for her started at once. A driver took her around Jordan, stopping whenever she would find a particularly breathtaking view. In the past ten days, she has already toured Jerash, the Dead Sea, Petra, Shobak, Aqaba, Kerak, Wadi Rum, Al-Dissi, Dibbin, the Jordan Valley, the Desert Castles and the surrounding of Amman.

In Petra, which holds a special joy for her, she spent three whole days, climbing up and down the rocks, sketching and painting.

She still has many places to see, including Um-Qais and Madaba. Though tired, sunburnt and speaking with a sore throat which makes her voice little more than a whisper, she told the Jordan Times that visiting Jordan is sheer excitement; not only has she encountered all sorts of adventures, such as a violent sandstorm that left her yellow from head to toe.

Continuing the detective film series, the Goethe Institute presents tonight at 8:00 a film produced in 1951 entitled "Der Verlorene". In German only.

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to 100, but she has been taken to archaeological excavations not yet open to the public.

Harvest on display

Her harvest is now being exhibited in the University of Jordan Alumni Club through March 8. There are to be around 50 watercolours, ten of them painted during her last trip, the other 40 from the present one; 20 crayon drawings and a few traditional Chinese paintings.

The most deplorable thing, she says, is the impossibility to paint more Jordanian scenes by traditional Chinese brush and ink method — she has done only two so far. The reason, she explains, is because traditional Chinese paintings are done on special paper that needs very fresh ink.

This is usually provided by grinding an ink stone on an ink plate. But the weather here and the winds do not allow it: the ink and freshly ground colours dry up in two minutes!

This is a pity as Jordan's scenes are particularly suitable for Chinese painting, according to Prof. Liang.

A flat stroke of the brush reveals a desert line white yet black dotted with sand. And

the Chinese methods of mountain painting can reproduce to the perfection the strangely shaped, awkward and more or less rocky mountains.

The Ministry of Tourism also plans to print a book introducing Jordan in pictures. This will be illustrated, of course, by Prof. Liang's paintings. The book will include her biography.

No formal education

Liang Dan-fong grew up during the "Eight Years' Resistance" (World War II) and so did not have the opportunity of receiving a proper education. She was therefore educated according to ancient Chinese, by "self-study and never letting go of any knowledge".

This does lead to success, as her case proves to be: an extremely famous artist in Taiwan, the Republic of China, she is now a professor of Art in three colleges and universities in Taiwan, as well as in the Society of Arts in the National Teachers Training College.

She has exhibited many times in Taiwan, always receiving widespread acclaim from art critics, as well as in New York, Hamburg, Berlin, Madrid, Vienna, Switzerland, and Holland.

In addition, she has received the Golden Award for Art Professors and the Art and Culture Medal from the Association of Art and Culture in Nationalist China in 1970. Moreover, she was awarded the Art and Culture Medal from the Ministry of Education — a highly coveted award in Taiwan — in 1976. Also, she often writes art columns in newspapers and is one of the prominent people in the news.

Asked about her impressions of Jordan's landscape, and how to paint it, Prof. Liang points to two main problems: "The first," she says, "is that everything is so simple: desert life, sands, tents, clothes ... simple but so full of richness."

The second problem, she says, is that Jordan is so intricate, both morally and physically. One must try to understand it before painting it. It is tiring but very challenging," she smiles, and I challenge."

An overflowing museum

Her impression of Jordan is that it is overflowing museum. Jordanians seem to know that every footstep they put onto the earth is likely to hide a treasure. Their faces shine with pride and satisfaction.

It is this expression of content that surprised her so after her previous trip and prompted her to return so soon to the land to find out the reason why Jordan is like a bridge between the East and the West. The West is lost in materialism and the East hides behind spiritualism.

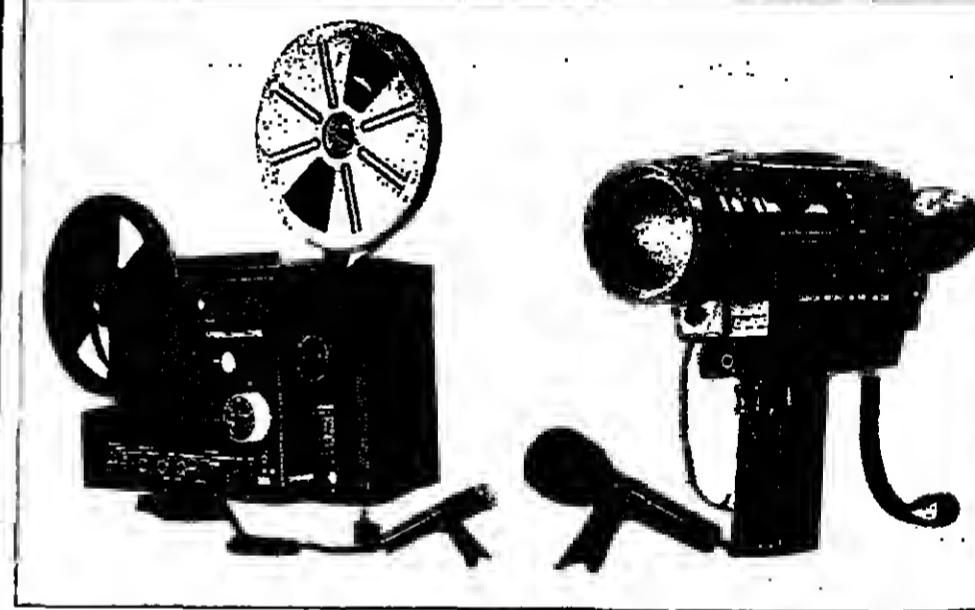
To become a strong nation takes a history, a civilization, a present and a future. Jordan possesses all of these, and believes, Jordan's future looks very bright. "By observing Jordanian faces," she says, "one can see all that the West lacks."

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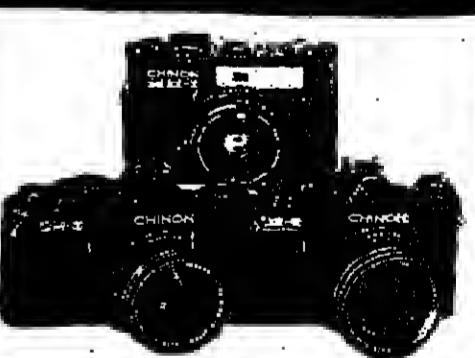


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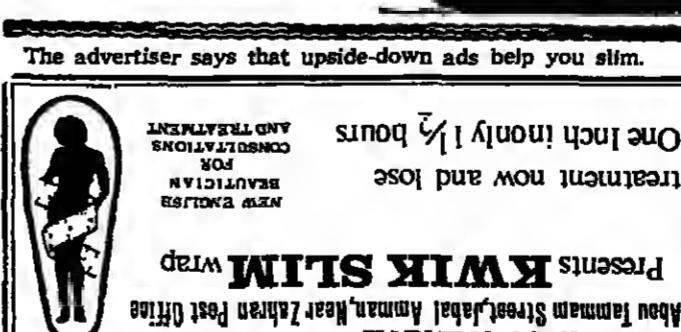
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KUWAIT, March 6 (AP). — Two Arab oil ministers called today for the replacement of the dollar as the currency used to set oil prices. The separate statements came from Qatar's Oil and Finance Minister, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Khalifa, and the Oil Minister of the United Arab Emirates, Mane' Said Al Oteiba.

In an interview with Kuwait's Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, Sheikh Khalifa said members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have already lost \$14 billion as a result of the declining value of the dollar. He

on issuing an OPEC dollar to avoid further losses," Mr. Khalifa said.

"Such an OPEC dollar will be immune to the fluctuations and disadvantages affecting the U.S. dollar," he added.

Dr. Al Oteiba said in an interview with the daily newspaper Al Waha that such a basket should include the currencies of major oil exporting states.

The basket could include the Kuwaiti dinar, the Saudi riyal and the United Arab Emirates dirham, Mr. Al Oteiba said.

He said the aim of such a move would be to protect the purchasing power of oil revenues and not to replace the dollar as a means of payment for oil.

Dr. Al Oteiba said his proposal would mean that the price of oil in terms of dollars would be regularly adjusted to reflect the relation of the U.S. currency to the basket.

"Kuwait is upset by the tangible losses it is incurring as a result of the dollar's slippage," Mr. Hussein told reporters.

"We are losing \$1 million each day."

Kuwait's course of remedial action, Mr. Hussein said, would be based on a pending report by a special ministerial committee that was formed last week to draw up plans for offsetting the loss.

Kuwait has said it would call for an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries if the dollar's value continued to decline.

did not give a time period for the claimed losses.

"In view of these losses oil producers are urgently called to unite and agree immediately

and tourist trade is estimated at more than \$100 million.

Israel's Zim Shipping Line sells 6 ships due to seamen's strike

TEL AVIV, March 6 (R). — Israel's Zim Shipping Line which owns three quarters of the country's cargo ships has sold six vessels because of a seamen's strike now in its sixth week. Transport Minister Meir Amit said yesterday.

Mr. Amit told the Maritime and Economic

Club in Haifa over the weekend he had signed the sale orders with regret. He did not name the purchasers of the freight ships which are owned by the Zim line in which the government has a 40 per cent share. Zim announced last month it would sell its ships unless seamen called off their strike for increased pay.

All the matter in the entire universe was concentrated in a huge ball called the "primordial fireball". Within seconds of the explosion, electrons, neutrons and protons were formed.

On the face of the big bang theory had been substantiated by the discovery of the background radiation.

Casting doubt on the "big bang"

The first hint that this might not be the case came when Soviet astronomers turned the world's largest radio telescope -- 1,900 foot (588 metre) diameter -- in the Northern Caucasus -- on to the cosmic background noise. They found the noise was weaker than theory predicted.

Their observations have recently been confirmed by American researchers using a U-2 jet plane from NASA's Ames Research Centre to fly their ultra-sensitive radio equipment 12 miles (20 kms.) above the ground. There it was above 90 per cent of the atmosphere which would have otherwise blanketed the cosmic radiation.

The Americans concluded

Recent findings by an American research team have challenged the popular Big Bang Theory about the origin of the universe. This article explains how these discoveries were made and what theory might replace the big bang theory.

that the universe began much more slowly than had hitherto been thought -- not as a big bang but as a serene, finely orchestrated event.

Just as a train whistle is high pitched as the train approaches and lower pitched as it travels away, so too the background radiation has a slight change in frequency, which has enabled the American team to determine that the Milky Way Galaxy, of which the solar system is a member, is travelling at more than one million miles per hour towards the point in space marked by the constellation of Hydra.

Everything in motion

Of course the naked eye stars in that constellation are also part of the Milky Way Galaxy and are moving with us in that direction.

It seems that everything in the universe is rotating. The moon rotates in its orbit around the earth, which in turn orbits the sun, which in turn orbits the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy.

But Dr. George Smoot, one of the American researchers, says: "The U-2 measurements seem to show there is no rotation of the universe. If there is rotation, it has to be less than one hundred millionth of a rotation in the last 10,000 million years."

These deductions could only be made because the back-

ground radiation was found to be basically very uniform, providing a reference backdrop from which the minor modulation due to our own motion could be measured.

Everywhere they looked -- and their observations covered all of the northern half of the sky -- they found remarkable uniformity. The energy levels were constant to within one part in 3,000; and the rate of expansion was constant to within one part in 10,000.

It is this very expansion, where everything in the universe seems to be travelling away from everything else, that prompted astronomers to formulate the big bang theory in the first place.

I do not know how far we can extend the laws that govern our own small part of the universe. For instance, we know -- and can prove -- that light travels in straight lines. This may well be true for the small distances even in the Milky Way Galaxy, but it is questionable that light does so over the vast inter-galactic distances that are involved in formulating creation theories.

After the U-2 observations, astrophysicists have three options:

1. They can dismiss the observations out of hand. Since these have been more or less confirmed by Soviet research, this seems unlikely.

2. The big bang theory could be modified to take account of

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U.S. chooses DC-10 as mid-air tanker



The DC-10 jumbo jet depicted in this drawing refueling an F-15 fighter plane has been chosen recently as the mid-air tanker for the U.S. air force. McDonnell Douglas manufactures the plane at Long Beach, California. (IPS photo)

Bahrain awards Japanese firm contract for gas gathering, processing system

NICOSIA, Cyprus, March 6 (AP). — The Bahrain National Oil Company (Banoco) has awarded a \$72 million contract to the Japan Gasoline Company for construction of its gas gathering and processing system, the Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

The weekly oil report said the project is designed to process about three million cubic metres of gas daily. The gas is usually burned.

The processing system will

result in an annual production of 28,000 tons of natural gas liquids, 80,000 tons of propane, 75,000 tons of butane and 125,000 tons of natural gasoline, the survey reported.

MEES said the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (Apicorp) -- which is sponsored by the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries -- will finance the project along with the U.S. firm Caltex, which operates the Bahrain oil-fields and Banoco.

Banoco will set up a subsidiary to manage the project in which Apicorp and Caltex will each have a minor share of 12.5 per cent, MEES added.

The total cost of the project is estimated at between \$80 and \$90 million dollars. Apart from the \$72 million Japan Gasoline Company contract, the remainder of the money will finance dredging, work and other facilities.

The plant is expected to be ready in 22 months, MEES said.

Dollar rallies after dip below 2 marks level

LONDON, March 6 (R). — The U.S. dollar plunged below the two marks level today on European foreign exchanges but later rallied.

With dealers reporting the market as extremely nervous, the U.S. currency seemed at first to be continuing its fall of months which have dominated the world's money transactions.

After going to new low levels, the dollar suddenly recovered, taking some operators by surprise.

Dealers said a recent series of drastic measures by Swiss authorities to choke off inflows of funds appeared to have checked the dollar's slide.

The Swiss moves included cutting interest rates, extend-

ing the scope of a 40 per cent annual "negative" interest paid by foreigners holding large deposits in Swiss banks, banning non-residents from using Swiss shares or bonds, and limiting imports of foreign banknotes.

In Frankfurt, the dollar fell below two marks when it opened at 1.9855 marks.

But in later trading the U.S. currency rallied sharply to 2.0355 marks.

The Frankfurt dealers said they were unable to account for the sudden movement of the dollar and the West German Central Bank (Bundesbank) has not been detected in the market today. Sometimes the Bundesbank supports the dollar by making big purchases.

Energy bill passage would help dollar, say U.S. officials

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP). — Two Carter administration officials said Sunday that passage of an energy bill by the U.S. Congress would help restore confidence in the dollar on international monetary markets.

Both U.S. Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger and Charles L. Schultze, Chairman of the U.S. Council of Economic Advisors, said other nations are watching the United States closely to see whether its leaders can summon the will to check the growing U.S. reliance on imported oil.

While conceding that administration officials are concerned about the plight of the dollar and recent declines in the

stock market, Mr. Schultze said not all the economic news is bad.

"One thing that surely would help would be passage of an energy bill," he said. "I think what it does say, however, is that our specific objective is to improve things in the real world and that will improve things in the financial world."

Mr. Schlesinger reiterated his belief that the United States must move toward energy self-sufficiency, saying he is optimistic that a breakthrough is near on the congressional stalemate over President Carter's energy programme.

"I think deterioration of the dollar is largely attributable to U.S. failure to come to grips with the energy issue," he said.

Mr. Schlesinger was interviewed on CBS-TV's Face the Nation and Mr. Schultze was interviewed on NBC's Meet the Press.

Mr. Schultze said that while devaluation of the dollar overseas is a problem, "it is a catastrophe."

Iran orders 6 Airbuses

TEHRAN, March 6 (R). — Iran's National Airline yesterday signed an agreement to buy six European Airbuses.

The Chairman of Iran Air, General Ali Mohammad Khademi, told a press conference the agreement included an option for three more of the planes.

The Airbus on order is the A300K2, a type which can carry 345 passengers.

General Khademi said the first four Airbuses would go into operation in early 1980 on the airline's domestic service and possibly also regionally.

Elsewhere in the universe are other metagalaxies. So then, matter in our metagalaxy falls into a black-hole and emerges from a white-hole in some other metagalaxy.

These are only small-scale affairs. It is possible that 15,000 million years ago, the whole of our metagalaxy emerged from an enormous white-hole, having been sucked in from metagalaxy via its twin black-hole.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

	Jordanian D	Buying/Sell
U.S. dollar	307.00/308.50	
U.K. sterling	597.00/601.00	
W. German mark	153.90/154.00	
Swiss franc	169.40/170.00	
French franc	64.80/65.00	
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.10/36.30	
Japanese yen (for every 100)	130.50/131.00	
Dutch guilder	143.70/144.00	
Belgian franc (for every ten)	98.60/98.80	
Swedish crown	67.30/67.50	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of last bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last Friday. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.9370/77	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0265/85	West German marks
	2.1675/1700	Dutch guilders
	1.8750/8800	Swiss francs
	31.50/60	Belgian francs
	4.7675/7750	French francs
	851.75/852.50	Italian lire
	236.20/40	Japanese yen
	.6045/75	Swedish crowns
	5.3225/55	Norwegian crowns
	5.5740/70	Danish crowns

Gold shares made modest net gains while U.S. and Canadian shares were mixed.

Fisons fell 2p to 357.1/2p. It reported improved pre-tax for 1977. Unilever fell

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make plans with friends early for socializing another day and then get to important work. Plan the future wisely, also. Get rid of any drawbacks you may have.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get data you need directly from bigwigs and improve productivity. Put that unusual ability to work with the assistance of a good friend. Avoid one who is a genuine pest.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study details of a new interest that will help fire your imagination and restore energies. Plan that trip early and consult with one who can also be helpful. Avoid insolent persons.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) First handle obligations to which you are committed and then take time to look into something new. Find a better way of pleasing loved one. Take no chances where credit is concerned.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Now is a good time to handle association matters. Later get into a new venture you started, get much done. Good day for a reconciliation with one who is important to your welfare.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Delving into some novel interest early is wise. Later get advice from an expert for best results. Take new treatments that can help to revitalize your system. Avoid long phone conversations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan early some interesting recreational activity and then handle that vexing problem wisely. Put a unique ability you have to work and commercialize on it. Be joyful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Do whatever will please him before you dash out for fun with friends. You are highly inspired and can put over an important deal. Do something to improve health, also.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Talk over with closest ties where you are going, career-wise and financially and get good advice. Handle affairs wisely. Later have good family fun at home for best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study into better ways to make your enterprises pay off better. Be sure to get your bills paid and avoid trouble. Out with congenials later for a good time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan time to do those things you like the most and then get into the mundane that also must be handled. Improve looks at lower than usual cost. Be careful of dress.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Decide just how to proceed in the future and stick to a set course, and then start ball rolling in right direction. Eliminate anxieties and feel free. Relax.

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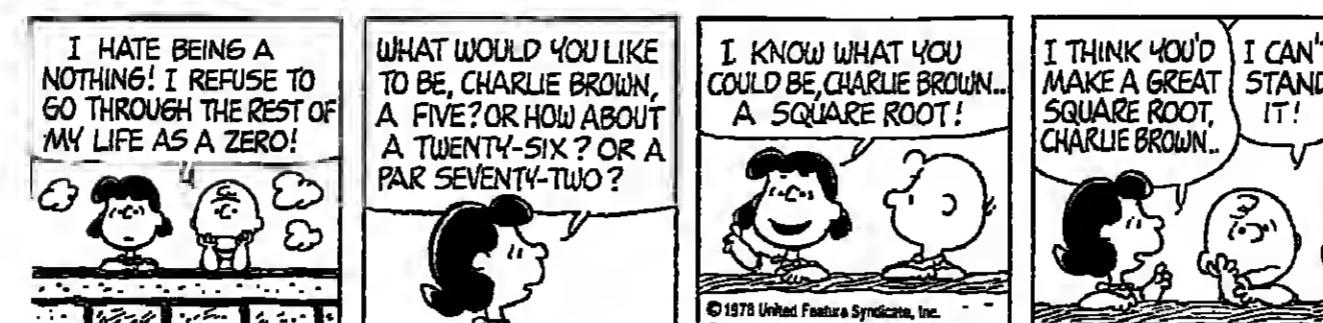
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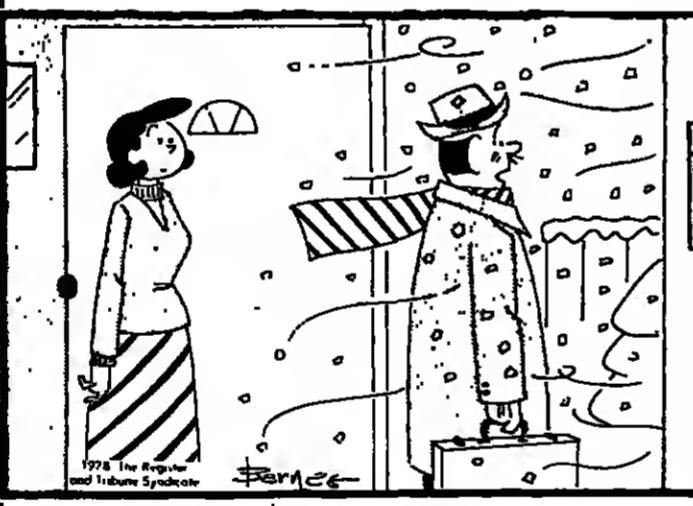


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BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♦ K J 7 3

♦ A K 10 9

♦ Q 10 9

♦ A

WEST

♦ 9 6 5 4

♦ Q 10

♦ 8 5 3

♦ Q 6

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♦ Q J 10 9

♦ 6 5 3 2

SOUTH

♦ A 8 2

♦ Q 7 7

♦ A J 3

♦ K 8 7 4

The bidding

North East South West

1 0 Pass 2 N T Pass

4 N T Pass 6 N T Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

We do not recommend blindly falsecarding. However, it can be a sound principle when defending against a slam, especially if you know that the lead is unlikely to give partner any problem.

The play proceeded exactly as at the other table. Declarer won in dummy and lost the diamond finesse. West continued with the ten of clubs, taken by the king. Declarer cashed all his red-suit winners, discarding a spade and a club from his hand. East parted with a low club, and West stuffed the nine of clubs and two spades.

Declarer was faced with the problem of guessing whether to finesse in spades or play for the drop, since only four spades were outstanding. He crossed to the ace of spades, both defenders following, then paused to review the situation.

From the lead of the jack of clubs, declarer decided to place East with the queen. East's last card could be either a spade or a club. Since West seemed to have no problem about discarding his club, declarer decided that he was probably trying to hold on to a guarded queen of spades. So declarer decided to take the spade finesse, and lost the last two tricks to the queens of spades and clubs.

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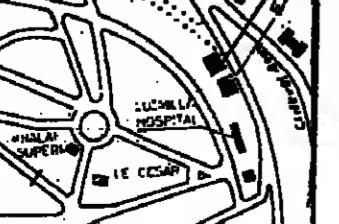
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Re-elected premier, Hua Kuo-feng firmly tops China's hierarchy

TOKYO, March 6 (AP). — China's parliament re-elected Communist Posts Chairman Hua Kuo-feng as premier yesterday, solidifying his hold at the top of the Peking hierarchy as both political and administrative leader of the world's most populous nation. Mr. Hua, 57, apparently outmanoeuvred Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping for the job as head of government, proving himself a wily and successful political in-fighter. In the process he has established himself as successor to both Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, the two great leaders of Chinese communism.

Peking's Great Hall of the People "rang with cheers and there was a prolonged ovation" after Mr. Hua was chosen premier at the closing session of the Fifth National People's Congress, the official news agency Hsinhua reported in a dispatch received here.

But the 73-year-old Mr. Teng did not come away empty-handed. He and his old-guard military revolutionary allies put two of their men into key posts.

Defence Minister Yeh Chien-ying, 81, was named to head the congress' Standing Committee, and Marshal Hsu Hsiang-Chieh, 76, was chosen to take over at defence.

Mr. Hua, who had been pre-mier by party appointment for almost two years, left most of his cabinet intact. But a shake-up in the seven divisions of the important ministry of machine building -- only two of seven ministers kept their jobs -- spelling determination to put new steam into the drive toward the economic modernisation of China, a national effort launched by Mr. Hua. Mr. Teng and their "pragmatist" allies.

Mr. Teng chaired the final

Bhutto's trial opens Saturday

LAHORE, March 6 (R). — The trial of Pakistan's ex-Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto before a special court on charges of political misconduct will begin on Saturday, an official announcement said today.

The trial prepared by Pakistan's military regime, will deal with the alleged misuse of government funds and also of using secret service funds for political purposes.

Mr. Bhutto, ruler of Pakistan for five-and-a-half years before his overthrow in a coup last July, will be formally charged when the trial starts. The offences carry possible seven-year jail sentences, disqualification from elected office and confiscation of assets.

The 50-year lawyer, has been held in jail since September, but still commands a wide following through his People's Party.

He stood a good chance of being returned to power in elections scheduled for last October before the military ruler, Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq called them off.

China lauds Sadat's "anti-Soviet line"

TOKYO, March 6 (AP). — The Soviet Union is using propaganda in an attempt to undermine the Middle East peace efforts of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, China's official Hsinhua news agency said yesterday.

The Kremlin has directly commanded the action to split Arab ranks and disrupt Arab unity," Hsinhua said. The Peking agency said Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev personally slandered Egypt by asserting that its leadership had tried to make separate deals with Israel. Referring to Mr. Sadat's talks with Israeli leaders, Hsinhua asked: "When a leader of a sovereign Arab state took the initiative, approved by his people as a due move, to preserve national independence and the state's sovereignty and throw off foreign interference, and, in the negotiations with Israel, has stuck to the just stand calling for the recovery of the lost Arab territories and the restoration to the Palestinian people of their national rights, how could he have offended the Soviet Union, which has nothing to do with the Middle East?"

The agency said the Soviets were acting because Egypt had freed itself from Soviet domination and it was "quite natural that the Soviet leaders should vent their wrath on Egypt." The agency said that Egypt, Sudan and Somalia "have one after another seen through the Soviet ambitions and freed their will." It noted the expulsion of military advisers and other actions taken by Egypt against the Soviet Union, and added that "last year, President Sadat held direct negotiations with Israel to get rid of the Soviet control over the Middle East peace talks. In a certain sense, this also weakened the U.S. manipulation of the talks. This has caused anxiety to the two super-powers, especially the Soviet Union."

China annuls many people's committees

PEKING, March 6 (R). — China is to abolish many of its revolutionary committees, which were born out of the Cultural Revolution in the late 1960s. The committees, which were embedded in the 1975 state constitution, were designed to place power in the hands of the people down to the lowest levels. Premier Hua Kuo-feng announced in a report to China's fifth parliament last week that the revolutionary committees would be disbanded with, except as local government administrations.

According to the full text of his report on the work of the government released today, Premier Hua said revolutionary committees would be elected this year in cities directly under provincial authority, in autonomous prefectures and counties, and in communities. However, the committees would be abolished at provincial level and in all other organisations where it did not form an actual level of government.

Though Mr. Teng failed to become premier, he remains No. 3 leader in the country as second vice chairman of the party, behind Mr. Yeh. The other two Vice Chairmen are Li Hsien-nien and Wang Tung-hsing. Mr. Teng also retained his posts as senior vice premier and chief of the army's General Staff.

After Czechs, space to see Poles, E. Germans

before the end of the year, according to the sources.

With at least one year's training required, the new candidates for space are not likely to go into action before 1979, but all are to go up by 1983, sources said.

No launching dates have been announced, but informed sources say a Polish astronaut is to be launched in May and an East German two months later.

Czechoslovakia's second astronaut, Oldrich Pelcak, is likely to go into space

By Edward Cody

PARIS (AP). — M. Marcel Trillat, a young Communist Militant sitting tieless and relaxed, looks straight into the camera. "Can things really change?" he asks his fellow Frenchmen.

"Yes, they can," he answers himself with quiet persuasion, going on to explain in the television advertisement that voting Communist in France's two-round parliamentary elections March 12 and 19 is the way to make it happen.

A growing number of France's 52 million people believe their country should indeed change and are willing to let a leftwing government give it a try. Opinion polls say that for the first time a majority plans to vote for Socialist and Communist candidates in an attempt to put the belief into practice.

But wait and see

The polls could be wrong. London bookmakers say they are. Or the sentiment they mirror could revert to traditional French conservatism when voters get into the booths. But there is broad agreement here that leftist political fortunes have surged markedly against the ruling centre-right coalition since the last parliamentary elections in 1973.

The leftward tilt reflects swift, often brutal changes in

Like God, U.S. insists on stronger Israeli army, says State Department official

NEW YORK, March 6 (AP). — A high-ranking U.S. State Department official said yesterday that the United States will continue to put top priority on maintaining the security of Israel while at the same time retaining amicable relations with Arab nations.

Mr. Walter B. Smith II, Director of Arab-Israeli Affairs, defended President Carter's proposal to sell aircraft to Egypt and Saudi Arabia and said he believed a Middle East peace settlement is possible despite recent problems at negotiations.

He made the remarks during a Midtown speech before the Zionist Organisation of America.

Mr. Smith said the proposed aircraft sale to Arab nations will not affect the "balance of military power" in the Mideast, but is intended to upgrade the security of those countries. "The United States has seen to it that Israel's

qualitative strength over the Arabs has increased since the last war," Mr. Smith said. "Like God and taxes, the U.S. insistence in strengthening the IDF ("Israeli Defence Force") will continue."

Answering questions from the audience, Mr. Smith acknowledged that if Congress approves of the aircraft sale, the U.S. will be taking a risk because of instability of Arab governments. He said in the case of a coup in any of the nations, he would "be surprised if there were not a serious reconsideration" of the sale by the United States.

Mr. Smith maintained that the U.S. will remain impartial towards negotiations between Israel and Egypt. "There are going to be a lot of ups and downs," he said of the settlement talks between Israel and Egypt. "I think they are going to succeed. The U.S. is not interested in pressing anyone."

Italian government expected shortly as 6 parties agree to back Andreotti

ROME, March 6 (Agencies). — Prime Minister-designate Giulio Andreotti today put the finishing touches to a six-party pact expected to end Italy's six-week-old government crisis.

The breakthrough came on Saturday in a summit meeting of the party leaders.

If the pact were implemented it would be the first time since 1947 that the Communists openly supported a new Christian Democratic minority government.

Police said that after the funeral, the extremists demon-

strated and attacked them with firebombs. Police said they arrested eight demonstrators, three of them under the age of 16. No injury was reported.

Meanwhile, police said they were investigating on the killing of the ambushed man, Roberto Scialabba. They discarded any political connection in the killing, saying it was a vendetta affair between rival criminal rackets.

129 Moslem rebels surrender to army in Filipino south

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines, March 6 (Agencies). — The Southern Military Command yesterday announced the surrender of 129 Moslem rebels who had been fighting government troops on the far southern Island of Jolo.

Those who surrendered to Southern Military Commander Rear Admiral Romulo Espaldon brought to about 500 the number of Moslems from the Jolo area who have surrendered to the authorities since the start of the year, the military said.

The surrender ceremonies were held as two battalions of government troops pounded rebel positions in the rugged Indian area of Jolo, 960 kms. south of Manila in operations to flush out Osman Salleh, leader of a rebel band accused of killing a top field general and 34 of his officers and men during a supposed truce meeting in October.

Mr. Salleh, believed wounded in an earlier operation in Jolo's Patikul district near

Indanan, has a price of 500,000 pesos (\$67,500) on his head. The command spokesman did not disclose casualty figures in the anti-rebel operations which began on Wednesday.

Kidnappers silent

Meanwhile, nothing has been heard of the fate of a kidnapped French government official here despite expiration of a ransom deadline, but military authorities seeking his release reportedly did not think he had been harmed.

The Moslem rebel abductors of M. Pierre Huinet, an official of the French Finance Ministry, had demanded payment of \$150,000 ransom by Saturday night.

But M. Gildas Lelidec, First Secretary of the French Embassy in Manila who was sent to this southern Philippines city shortly after M. Huinet was abducted last week, said neither he nor military officials were overly concerned.

Salisbury security toughened as 2 men accused of bombings

SALISBURY, March 6 (Agencies). — Two vegetable sellers appeared briefly in court here today on charges related to a series of bombings in Salisbury and its suburbs on Saturday.

The two men were charged with acts of terrorism, and may face execution if convicted.

They were Augustine Nyenyeri, 26, and his cousin Aggrey Nyenyeri, 23. Both black men were accused of planting bombs which exploded in various parts of the city between 11 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on Saturday.

The defendants were ordered held until March 20.

State prosecutor Mike Nicoll alleged the two received the bombs from "terrorists" -- the official term for black nationalist guerrillas fighting to topple the white minority government.

One police source said the defendants told police they were supporters of the Zimbabwe African National Union, an organisation led by guerrillas seeking to overthrow the white minority government.

Nkomo slams accord

One of the guerrilla leaders, Mr. Joshua Nkomo described the black leaders who have agreed to cooperate with Rhodesia's government in a transition to black majority rule as having taken sides against their people.

In an interview with the official Hungarian news agency published in Budapest today, Mr. Nkomo said the moderates who signed the agreement with Premier Ian Smith against the fight of the Zimbabwe (Rhodesian) masses.

"We have to step up the war to the extent where it becomes clear that Smith and his men cannot use puppets and cannot hide from the wrath of the Zimbabwe masses," he said. Mr. Nkomo, co-leader of the guerrilla Patriotic Front group was interviewed in Maputo, Mozambique.

World News Briefs

Scotland finds poisoned Israeli orange

EDINBURGH, March 6 (AP). — A mercury-contaminated orange was found in Scotland on Saturday. Edinburgh Police Headquarters issued a general warning that anyone buying oranges should carefully examine them. A police spokesman said the origin of the orange, of the Israeli Jaffa variety, could not yet be determined. He said a woman in Haddington, a small town 18 miles east of Edinburgh, peeled the orange, spotted globules of mercury and told the police.

No Iraqi post due to Syrian border closure

BAGHDAD, March 6 (AP). — Iraqi postal officials complained yesterday that 15,000 sacks of post had piled up on the Turkish-Syrian border because Syria had closed its border to surface post bound for Iraq.

Tito leaves for U.S. visit

BELGRADE, March 6 (AP). — President Josip Broz Tito left today for an official visit to the United States for talks with President Jimmy Carter on mutual relations and world problems.

Stalin's anniversary marked privately

MOSCOW, March 6 (R). — Relatives of Josef Stalin were allowed to place wreaths and flowers on his Red Square grave yesterday but the 25th anniversary of the dictator's death passed without official notice. Among relatives who visited the grave by the wall of the Kremlin were his grandson, Yevgeny Dzhugashvili, and two small great-grandsons who together carried a wreath.

Britain, Spain to discuss Gibraltar

LONDON, March 6 (R). — Spanish and British Foreign Ministers Marcelino Aguirre and David Owen will meet shortly -- probably in mid-March in Paris -- for further talks on the long-standing Gibraltar dispute, British officials said yesterday.

San Marino's political crisis nears end

SAN MARINO, March 6 (AP). — After 110 days of dispute, politicians of the world's oldest republic have agreed to dissolve parliament and hold early elections in an attempt to end San Marino's longest postwar political crisis. The key of the election set around mid-May, lies with one third of San Marino's 19,000 voters, many of them American immigrants scattered around the globe.

Guatemalan minister leads presidential poll

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, March 6 (AP). — Gen. Fernando Lucas Garcia, a former Defence Minister, took a decisive vote lead today in the race for president in one of the quietest national elections here in nearly four decades.

UFO sighted in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, March 6 (AP). — A low-flying unidentified flying object, described by eye-witnesses as resembling a "shining ball," was reported sighted over southern Iraq yesterday. The object flew in a southwesterly direction below a jetliner that was passing overhead at the same time, the witnesses said. One of the witnesses related that the object was "slowly moving, leaving a shining trail behind it, but making no noise at all."